

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

COLONY INSURANCE CO.)	
)	Case No. 07-834
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Plaintiff,)	DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
)	ACTION
v.)	
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MECHANICAL INTERGRITY, INC.)	
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Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

Plaintiff Colony Insurance Company (“Colony”), as and for its declaratory judgment complaint against Defendant, Mechanical Integrity, Inc. (“MI”) alleges as follows:

Nature of Action

1. This is an action requesting the Court to issue a declaratory judgment denying that plaintiff Colony must indemnify and/or defend MI in a suit brought against MI by E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company (“DuPont”) in this court based on an insurance policy issued to MI from Colony.

The Parties

2. Plaintiff, Colony, is an insurance company with its place of domicile in Richmond Virginia. Colony is licensed to provide insurance in the State of Delaware.

3 Defendant, Mechanical Integrity, Inc. (“MI”) is a Texas Corporation with its principal place of business located at 1423 First Street, Suite A, Humble, Texas 77338.

Jurisdiction and Venue

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because diversity of citizenship exists between plaintiff and the defendant, and the value of the object of the underlying litigation exceeds \$75,000.

5. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the defendant pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 3104.

6. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S. C. § 1391 because the Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District.

Facts

7. On June 1, 2007, MI was sued in the District Court of Delaware in E. I. Dupont de Nemours and Company v. Mechanical Integrity, Inc., Civil Action No: 07-346.

8. The Complaint in the above-captioned matter alleged that MI committed breach of contract, misrepresentation, and fraud based upon a 2004 contract between MI and Dupont, a Delaware Corporation. Pursuant to that contract, MI was required to perform an inspection of approximately 3,600 feet of pipeline used to transport chloroform, a hazardous material, to Dupont's Louisville Kentucky facility. Due to MI's alleged failure to properly conduct the inspection, a serious leak in the pipeline caused a chloroform leak and DuPont was forced to expend over \$2,000,000 to remediate the area where the leak occurred. (See Copy of DuPont Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A).

9. At all times pertinent, Colony issued and had in full force and effect a policy of insurance to MI with policy number GL120585 (the "Policy").

10. On June 25, 2007, MI filed a claim with Colony requesting defense and indemnity pertaining to the Dupont suit.

11. The Policy specifically included a Hazardous Materials Exclusion

Endorsement, which excluded any claims, which arose out of:

- a. Bodily injury”, “property damage” or “personal and advertising injury” which would not have occurred in whole or part but for the actual, alleged, or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage migration, release or escape of “hazardous materials” at any time.
- b. Pollution cost or expense.
- c. Any obligations to share damages with or indemnify another party whom must pay damages because of injury or damage relating to “hazardous materials”.
- d. Any supervision, instructions, recommendations, warning or advice which should have been given in connection with paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) above.

12. The Policy also specifically included a Professional Services Exclusion

Endorsement, which excluded any claims for “bodily injury”, “property damage” or “personal and advertising injury” arising out of or resulting from the rendering or failure to render any “professional service” except by endorsement to the Policy and only to the extent of such endorsement. The policy defined “Professional Services” as “engineering services including any related supervisory or inspection services”.

13. MI’s actions of contracting with DuPont to inspect a pipeline used to transport chloroform, a hazardous material, and allegedly negligently performing these actions falls squarely within the purview of the Hazardous Materials and Professional Services Exclusions found in the Policy.

14. Further, if it is proven that MI committed fraud, as alleged in the Complaint, the Policy is void as to any claim as it relates to the allegations of fraud.

15. As such, MI's claim is not covered under the Policy because it is excluded by the specific policy exclusions enumerated above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court to enter an Order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 declaring the rights of parties to this action, declaring that Plaintiff is under no duty to indemnify or defend under the Policy of insurance issued by Plaintiff to Defendant, and costs, attorneys' fees, and for any other relief which the Court deems appropriate.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS <i>Colony Insurance Company</i> (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <i>Richmond, VA</i> (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) <i>Heckler & Frabizzio, 800 Delaware Ave. Wilmington, DE 19801</i>	DEFENDANTS <i>Mechanical Integrity, Inc.</i> County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <i>Harris County, TX</i> (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED. Attorneys (If Known)
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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III) </div> </div>	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant) (For Diversity Cases Only) <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION	Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): <i>28 USC § 2201, 10 Del. C. § 3114</i>
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VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	Brief description of cause: <i>Declaratory Judgment</i>
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VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instructions):
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
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I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF 2 COPIES OF AO FORM 85.

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